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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re National Phase of International Application

No.: 09/914,205

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Applicant: Charles D. Y. Sia et al.

Title: EXPRESSING GP140 FRAGMENT OF PRIMARY HIV-1 ISOLATE

May 21, 2002

The Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231,  
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Dear Sirs:

Petition is hereby made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accept a Declaration executed by the inventors, Roy Persson, Shi-Xian Cao and Benjamin Rovinski, on behalf of the inventor, Charles D. Y. Sia. Our cheque in the amount of the petition fee is enclosed.

The facts whereby the inventor has not signed the documents are set forth in the enclosed Declaration of Reza Yacoob, who has first hand knowledge of the facts.

~~A Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the other inventors on behalf of~~  
Charles D. Y. Sia is enclosed.

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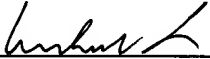
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Under the circumstances, it is submitted that this Petition be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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